

## **Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Council**

### ***Draft Agenda***

October 3-4, 2016

Sheridan County Courthouse

Plentywood, MT

#### **Objectives:**

- 1) Obtain Council's input on 2016 field season
- 2) Receive Council's recommendations for 2017 work plans
- 3) Report on program accomplishments for 2016 and upcoming opportunities (all program staff)
- 4) Habitat tour – Sheridan County projects
- 5) Opportunity for public comment

### **Agenda**

#### **Monday, October 3, 2016**

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| 7:15 am  | Gather at Sherwood Inn parking lot to board vans for tour. Depart at 7:30 am.   |
| 12:00 pm | Pick up lunches at Cousins and return to Courthouse for lunch   |
| 1:00 pm  | Introductions, general housekeeping – per diem, facilities, review and acceptance of minutes ( <i>Dale Tribby</i> ).  |
| 1:45 pm  | Overview of Council history and function ( <i>Northrup</i> ).   |
| 2:00 pm  | 2016 UGBEP Accomplishments ( <i>Hohler</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UGBEP fiscal report: a review of the program fiscal accounts, obligations, expenditures, and balances (current and future).</li><li>• Summary of UGBEP Habitat Enhancement Projects initiated in 2016: Contracts, project type, acreages, obligations</li><li>• 2016 Pheasant Release summary</li><li>• Status of grants: VPA-HIP (2) and NFWF</li><li>• Program updates: Habitat leases, field manual, access guides, program marketing</li></ul> |
| 3:00 pm  | Update on sharp-tailed grouse restoration efforts ( <i>Chris Hammond</i> )  |
| 3:30 pm  | Begin review of Regional strategies and work completed towards those strategies, as well as upcoming opportunities. Order of presentations may change depending on the time remaining in the day and will resume in the morning of 10/4.  |

- Regions 1, 3, and 5 – Debbie Hohler (30 min)
- Region 2 – Dave Nikonow, (30 mins)
- Region 4 – Craig Roberts, Jake Doggett (60 mins)
- Region 6 – Kenny Plourde (30 mins)
- Region 7 – Jackie Tooke (30 mins)

4:00 pm Veebary discussion (*Dale Tribby*)

5:00 pm Public Comment

### **Tuesday, October 4, 2015**

7:45 am Gather at Sheridan County Courthouse

8:00 am Continuation of Regional Strategies and accomplishments

11:00 am Meet the 3 Farm Bill Biologists

11:30 am Council input on 2016 program implementation

12:30 pm Lunch (Boxed lunches brought in) - Cousins

1:00 pm Discussion on 2017 field season and council recommendations

2:00 pm Discuss potential Council membership changes and identify times for the 2 meetings in 2017.

2:30 pm Closing remarks – Dale Tribby

3:00 pm Meeting adjourned.